

year of celebration possible. On behalf of the Senate, I share our congratulations with every Lynnville family on its 200 years of proud Kentucky history.

ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING ACT OF 2020

Mr. CRAPO. Mr. President, before joining with my colleagues in an important colloquy, concerning the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020, I want to applaud Senator GRASSLEY's tireless efforts that spanned years of bipartisan work to establish the first whistleblower reward program at the Department of the Treasury's Financial Crimes Enforcement Network.

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, I would like to thank Chairman CRAPO and Ranking Member BROWN for their work on the Anti-Money Laundering Act of 2020 division contained in this year's NDAA conference report, including the important new whistleblower protections provided in the measure. These whistleblower protections that all three of us agreed upon, were modelled after successful programs that were created through the Dodd Frank Act for the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Commodity's and Exchange Commission. One key feature that makes these programs successful is that whistleblowers are guaranteed a minimum of 10 percent in awards for qualifying disclosures. These rewards cost taxpayers nothing because they are paid from fines and other monies collected as a result of the whistleblower's disclosures. To ensure whistleblowers always receive the money owed, both the SEC and CFTC, as well as our original amendment to the NDAA, created a special fund that would be filled by the fines collected and then used to pay whistleblower awards. With that, I will be happy to begin the colloquy.

Chairman CRAPO, can you please describe your intent with respect to changes made in the whistleblower provisions in the conference agreement?

Mr. CRAPO. Certainly. The NDAA conference agreement provides for whistleblower rewards with a 30 percent maximum of certain monies collected in cases involving Bank Secrecy Act violations, but provides for no explicit minimum award requirement.

The conferees agreed that updating the Bank Secrecy Act's whistleblower incentives and protections was necessary to protect individuals who provide original information which leads to any successful judicial or administrative Bank Secrecy Act action brought by the Secretary of the Treasury or Attorney General and results in monetary sanctions exceeding \$1,000,000.

To accomplish this and to avoid any direct spending complications, our intention is to authorize necessary resources and work with appropriators and the administration to ensure that necessary funding be made available on

an ongoing basis, that is effectively offset by BSA penalties imposed in these cases. Such funding will enable the Secretary to provide, subject to available funds, substantial whistleblower awards based upon monetary penalties recovered in those whistleblower cases.

It was always the intent of the conferees that these awards to individual whistleblowers are important and justified and that they be substantial, such that both a minimum and maximum percentage of such monetary sanction was contemplated. In this case, it is the intent of the conferees, in addition to the conference report providing for the stated maximum 30 percent award, to provide for a 10 percent minimum award, as both reasonable and sensible.

Finally, it is the intent of the conferees that no such award should be made available to either employees of the Treasury Department, the Department of Justice, or covered law enforcement agencies, if the original information that led to the successful enforcement action is acquired acting in the normal course of their job duties.

We will work with Senator GRASSLEY and with administration officials to provide for robust minimum awards which meet the 10 percent threshold wherever appropriate. We will work with the Senator in the next Congress to draft legislation that addresses the important concerns he has raised.

Does Senator BROWN agree?

Mr. BROWN. I agree and agree to work with Chairman CRAPO and with his successor as Banking Committee chairman, with Senator GRASSLEY, and with appropriate administration officials consistent with that intent. I share the desire to ensure that adequate funds are provided and agree that the best way to do so is through the creation of a fund that is to be used exclusively for the payment of whistleblower awards. Such a fund should also provide for awards of at least 10 percent of the funds in cases covered by the bill. I will work with Senator GRASSLEY to make clear that this is our intent to administration officials.

Mr. GRASSLEY. I thank both for these clarifications of their intent. I look forward to working with them toward these ends.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CATHY HUGHES AND RECOGNIZING THE 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF URBAN ONE

• Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, I rise today to ask the Senate to join me in recognizing my constituent and friend Cathy Hughes on the 40th anniversary of Urban One, Inc., formerly known as Radio One. Urban One, headquartered in Montgomery County, MD, is America's largest broadcast company primarily focused on African-American consumers. Over the last four decades,

it has elevated and celebrated African-American voices while telling stories from their perspective. Today, Urban One employs more than 1,500 people and reaches an estimated 82 percent of African-Americans nationwide.

This remarkable success is attributable to the skillful and passionate leadership of Cathy Hughes. Not long after Cathy started her radio career in her hometown of Omaha, NE, she found herself lecturing at Howard University's school of communications and serving as general sales manager at the university's iconic radio station, WHUR. Cathy started Radio One in 1980 with the purchase of her flagship station WOL-AM in Washington, DC, and served as its morning show host for 11 years. As founder and chairwoman, Cathy has directed the successful expansion of Radio One into new radio markets nationwide while generating original content across the spectrum of radio, television, and digital media. I am proud to note that Baltimore was the first city into which Radio One expanded.

Urban One's remarkable 40 years of growth are all the more impressive given the obstacles that Cathy has overcome, not least the racism and sexism she has encountered during her groundbreaking career. In her initial search for financing to buy the station that would become Radio One, 32 banks rejected Cathy's bid.

Cathy has steered her company successfully through the changes and challenges in media markets over the years, most recently navigating the impact of COVID-19. While Radio One itself has been hurt by the pandemic, she chose to support her community by providing free advertising to Black-owned businesses.

Cathy's philanthropic work rivals her exceptional business achievements. Of note is her passion for education, demonstrated by her strong support of the Piney Woods School in Piney Woods, MS. This school, which her grandfather established in 1909, currently serves as the largest of four African-American boarding schools in the county. Cathy has been recognized for extraordinary contributions many times over the years: National Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame in 2019, the Woman of the Year Award by 100 Black Men of America in 2018, the Ida B. Wells Living Legacy Award in 2011, and the Essence Women Shaping the World Award in 2018. In 2019, Howard University named its school of communications after her.

I ask the Senate to join me in recognizing the extraordinary career of an extraordinary woman, Cathy Hughes, on the 40th anniversary of Urban One. •

TRIBUTE TO EMILE OESTRIECHER

• Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, Mr. Emile Oestrieher, known in the Scouting community as "Mr. O," has served the community of Alexandria as Boy Scout scoutmaster for almost 50 years.

Troop 6, sponsored by St. Frances Cabrini Church, has been in existence since 1967. When Mr. O became scoutmaster, it had about 12 Scouts; today that number is between 60 and 70. Mr. O, the founding partner in the Alexandria CPA firm Oestricher & Company, CPAs, has received the Distinguished Public Service Award by the Louisiana CPA Society and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He has been honored with many awards from the Scouting community as well as other local organizations. Mr. O has led trips to destinations like Philmont Scout Ranch and Canada Canoe trips, as well as taught other adult leaders across the Nation and represented the area at four national Scout jamborees. Now, his oldest scouts are in their 60s, but he is still there as scoutmaster. He has several "grandscouts," whose fathers were members of troop 6 under him, and one "great-grandscout," who shared the same scoutmaster as his grandfather. Troop 6 has had over 160 Eagle Scouts during his tenure scoutmaster and six of his Scouts have been ordained as Catholic priests. He certainly lives the Scout Law every day and epitomizes the troop 6 motto "Optimus Optimorum"—Best of the Best. We thank Mr. O for his dedication to being scoutmaster and being a good influence on so many young men in his community.●

RECOGNIZING AUNT CATFISH'S ON THE RIVER

● Mr. RUBIO. Mr. President, as chairman of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize a small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit that drives our economy. It is my privilege to recognize a family-owned small business committed to investing in its community. This week, it is my pleasure to honor Aunt Catfish's on the River, of Port Orange, FL, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

A long-time resident of Port Orange, Jim followed in the Galbreath family tradition of entrepreneurship. His mother, Ann Galbreath, founded and ran a restaurant called Marko's Drive-In in the 1950s. After it closed briefly, Jim bought Marko's and reopened it. Building on his experience, Jim used an old fishing dock to open a new restaurant in 1979, Aunt Catfish's on the River.

More than 40 years later, Aunt Catfish's on the River is still family-owned and operated. Jim's son, Brendan Galbreath, who started as a teenager, took the helm, keeping the business in the family. Under his leadership, Aunt Catfish's has stayed true to its reputation for outstanding service and delicious cuisine.

The Galbreath family's focus on building strong relationships with their community is a key part of their success. During the coronavirus pandemic, Aunt Catfish's opened a drive-through operation and expanded its

carryout services. Brendan served on the Port Orange South Daytona Chamber of Commerce/City of Port Orange Reopening Task Force, working with local business owners, civic leaders, and public health experts. Together, they designed and implemented the Port Orange Phase One Reopening Plan, enabling their community to reopen safely. Additionally, Aunt Catfish's on the River participated in the chamber's "I Am, I Go, I Support Local" campaign to support local businesses.

Like many Florida small businesses, Aunt Catfish's on the River experienced a sharp drop in revenue due to the coronavirus pandemic. In April 2020, the U.S. Small Business Administration launched the Paycheck Protection Program, a small business relief program that I was proud to author. The PPP provides forgivable loans to impacted small businesses and non-profits who maintain their payroll during the COVID-19 pandemic. Aunt Catfish's on the River used their PPP loan to keep their employees paid, while maintaining the highest health and safety standards for their customers.

Aunt Catfish's on the River is a notable example of the endurance and resilience of family-owned small businesses. Through their advocacy and service, Aunt Catfish's on the River has strengthened their local small business community. Congratulations to Brendan and the entire team at Aunt Catfish's on the River. I look forward to watching your continued growth and success.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Roberts, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:05 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, without amendment:

S. 2216. An act to require the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to formally recognize caregivers of veterans, notify veterans and caregivers of clinical determinations relating to eligibility for the family caregiver program, and temporarily extend benefits for veterans who are determined ineligible for the family caregiver program, and for other purposes.

S. 2472. An act to redesignate the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at Plum Brook Station, Ohio, as the NASA John H. Glenn Research Center at the Neil A. Armstrong Test Facility.

The message further announced that the House has agreed to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 7105) to provide flexibility for the Secretary of Veterans Affairs in caring for homeless veterans during a covered public health emergency, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a retraining assistance program for unemployed veterans, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 1694. An act to require any Federal agency that issues licenses to conduct lunar activities to include in the requirements for such licenses an agreement relating to the preservation and protection of the Apollo 11 landing site, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, with amendments, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. 2174. An act to expand the grants authorized under Jennifer's Law and Kristen's Act to include processing of unidentified remains, resolving missing persons cases, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

S. Con. Res. 52. Concurrent resolution to correct the enrollment of S. 3312.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6159. A communication from the Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Consumer Product Safety Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Standard for Hand-Held Infant Carriers" (16 CFR Part 1225) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 14, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6160. A communication from the Attorney Adviser, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Qualification and Certification of Locomotive Engineers; Miscellaneous Revisions" (RIN2130-AC40) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6161. A communication from the Attorney Adviser, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revision of Method for Calculating Monetary Threshold for Reporting Rail Equipment Accidents/Incidents" (RIN2130-AC49) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on December 16, 2020; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-6162. A communication from the Attorney Adviser, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule